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Sir:

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Reference AG - as presently understood, Reference AG may correspond in disclosure to U.S. Patent No 5,940,128 (Reference AA).

Reference AK - Reference AK is also cited and/or discussed in the application specification, such as at page 1.

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